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Rejuvenation of Existing Tracks
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal regarding "entire rejuvenation of existing railway tracks" in the wake of recent train accidents;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of the plan outlay, financial and technical constraints, if any?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) to (c) Railway tracks are replaced through track renewal works which is an ongoing process. Track renewal works are undertaken as and when stretch of track becomes due for renewal on the basis of criteria laid down in Indian Railway Permanent Way Manual on age cum condition basis viz. traffic carried in terms of gross million tonnes & incidence of rail fracture/failure, wear of rails, and maintainability of track as per standards etc.

(d) Budget outlay in year 2016-17 has been enhanced from Ã¬ 4000 Crore to Ã¬ 6735.74 Crore to speed up the track renewal works in the country. Accordingly, physical targets have also been increased from 1500 km to 2668 km. For 2017-18, Budget Outlay of Ã¬ 9960.76 Crore has been allocated for track renewal works.
Track Renewal works are planned in advance every year and their execution is prioritized according to the condition of track and overall availability of funds ensuring all the time that track is in a sound condition for safe running of trains. In case any stretch of track is not renewed in time due to various reasons including scarcity of funds, material etc., suitable speed restrictions are imposed to ensure safe running of trains.
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